

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Date: June 14, 2004

Rod Rigola

Examiner: Quang H. Nguyen

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 9, 2004

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2004.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-20 are subject to election and/or  
restriction requirement.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the restriction requirement because  
the claims cite to a computer ("interchange party computer system"), and do not contemplate  
being practiced by hand so the requirement is traversed. If the Examiner does not act  
favorably, Applicant elects with traverse claims 12-20 for prosecution.

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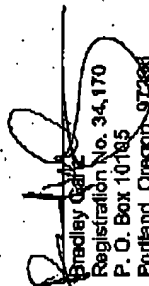
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**CONCLUSION**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including extension fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1001.

Respectfully submitted,

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